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A message from the Secretary

Senior citizens and persons with disabilities face many obstacles today. Rising medical costs, higher insurance rates and physical disabilities sometimes can make everyday living a challenge.

As Secretary of State, I am dedicated to providing programs and services that meet the special needs of Illinois' senior citizens and persons with disabilities. This brochure details programs and services available through my office's Department of Senior and Community Services. License plate and car insurance discounts, free Rules of the Road Review courses and special parking privileges are just a few of the programs that can make your life just a little easier.

Serving the people of Illinois is my top priority. I encourage you to contact my office for suggestions on how we might serve you better.

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Discounted License Plates

Senior citizens and persons with disabilities who qualify for the Circuit Breaker tax relief program can get can get their license plates for $24. This discount is available if you:

- are at least age 16 and are totally disabled, or are at least age 65, **and**
- have an annual household income of less than $16,000, **and**
- are an Illinois resident at the time you apply.

For more information and an application for the Circuit Breaker program, contact:

Illinois Dept. of Revenue
Circuit Breaker Program
P.O. Box 19003
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9003
(800) 624-2459

Insurance Discounts

Senior citizens also can cut transportation costs through liability insurance discounts. Discounts are available to eligible drivers age 55 and over who successfully complete an Automobile Insurance Discount Program approved by the Secretary of State. For more information call (800) 252-2904.

Rules of the Road Review

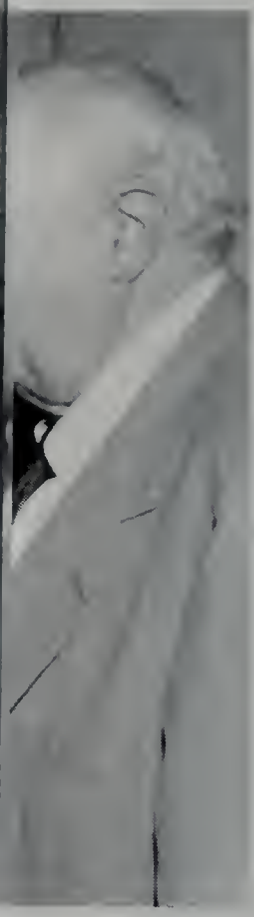
The Rules of the Road Review Course is designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence needed to pass a driver's license renewal exam.

Local organizations sponsor the course under the direction of the Secretary of State's office. This free class is offered more than 3,000 times annually at about 600 locations statewide.

Photo ID Cards

Persons with disabilities and senior citizens age 65 and over are entitled to a free photo ID card through the Secretary of State's

office. The ID card is valid for 10 years and may be obtained at any Driver Services facility upon providing **three forms of identification**. The card is a legal form of identification and may be used in any lawful situation.



Persons with disabilities also can get a free Illinois Disabled Person's ID Card with proof of eligibility for the Circuit Breaker and/or Parking for Persons with Disabilities program. Applicants must be Illinois residents and provide a physician's evaluation of a qualifying disability. The photo ID card lists the classification of his or her disability. Applications are available at all Driver Services facilities.

Parking for Persons with Disabilities

Special parking privileges for persons with disabilities are available from the Secretary of State in the form of either parking placards or license plates.

Parking placards are available at no cost to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities.

Special license plates are available to persons who are permanently disabled. The plates may be purchased for each vehicle titled in their name at the same cost as standard license plates. Veterans with disabilities may obtain special disabled veteran plates if their disabilities are 100 percent service-related.

A special guide to Illinois parking laws for persons with disabilities is available from the Secretary of State's office by calling (800) 252-2904.

Speakers Bureau

The Secretary of State's Speakers Bureau offers free presentations on a variety of programs and services administered by the office. For more information or to schedule a presentation call (800) 252-2904.

Illinois State Library

The Illinois State Library, under the Secretary of State, has a network of 12 regional library systems throughout the state

that provide special services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. These services include large-print books, Talking Books and books printed in Braille.

Arrangements can be made to have materials delivered to homebound individuals. Transportation to library programs and other services also are available. For more information call your local library or (800) 331-2351.

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